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QUOTE

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SUBJECT: PROPOSED NATIONAL WAR COLLEGE VISIT TO THE SOVIET
UNION

1. AS PART OF THE NATIONAL WAR COLLEGE (NWC) 1974
ORIENTATION PROGRAM, THE NWC WOULD LIKE TO INCLUDE THE
SOVIET UNION ON THE ITINERARY FOR A GROUP OF 46 STUDENTS.
THE GROUP WOULD LIKE TO VISIT MOSCOW AND LENINGRAD FOR ONE
WEEK IN LATE APRIL, 1974, AND MEET WITH THEIR MILITARY
COUNTERPARTS AND SOVIET GOVERNMENT AND INDUSTRY LEADERS.
THE NWC PARTY COULD BE DIVIDED INTO SMALLER GROUPS IN
MOSCOW AND LENINGRAD, ACCORDING TO THE INTERESTS OF
INDIVIDUAL PARTICIPANTS, TO FACILITATE MEANINGFUL EXCHANGES
WITH SOVIET HOSTS.

2. THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE HAS AGREED TO CONSIDER
FAVORABLY A REQUEST FROM THE SOVIETS FOR AN ANALOGOUS
SOVIET GROUP TO VISIT THE UNITED STATES.

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3. AN AIDE-MEMOIRE ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES SHOULD BE PRESENTED TO THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AS SOON AS CONVENIENT, PROVIDED THE EMBASSY SEES NO OBJECTION TO THE PROPOSED NWC VISIT.

4. QUOTE: THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA WISHES TO INFORM THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS OF THE INTEREST OF THE UNITED STATES NATIONAL WAR COLLEGE IN MAKING AN EDUCATIONAL VISIT TO THE SOVIET UNION FOR ONE WEEK IN LATE APRIL 1974, AND TO REQUEST THE ASSISTANCE OF SOVIET AUTHORITIES IN FACILITATING SUCH A VISIT.

THE NATIONAL WAR COLLEGE IS OPERATED BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AND PROVIDES CAREER ORIENTED TRAINING TO SENIOR MILITARY OFFICERS AND SELECTED UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS. THE GROUP WHICH WOULD VISIT THE SOVIET UNION WOULD BE INTERESTED IN VISITING SOVIET MILITARY ESTABLISHMENTS AND MEETING WITH THEIR COUNTERPARTS IN THE MILITARY SERVICES AS WELL AS WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF SOVIET GOVERNMENT AND INDUSTRY. IT IS ESTIMATED THAT THE AMERICAN GROUP WOULD CONSIST OF ABOUT 46 INDIVIDUALS, AND WOULD PLAN TO TRAVEL TO THE SOVIET UNION IN A SPECIALLY CHARTERED UNITED STATES AIR FORCE AIRCRAFT.

THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT WOULD BE WILLING TO CONSIDER FAVORABLY A REQUEST FOR A SIMILAR GROUP FROM THE SOVIET UNION TO VISIT THE UNITED STATES ON AN ITINERARY SIMILAR TO THAT OUTLINED ABOVE.

THE EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE LEARNING THE VIEWS OF THE MINISTRY ON THE FEASIBILITY OF THE PROPOSED VISIT. END QUOTE. KISSINGER UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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